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City of Auburn  
1225 Lincoln Way  
Auburn, CA

To the members of the Auburn City Council and Placer County Planning Commission:

My name is Leslie Michael Sipe. I am a fifth generation Auburnite and my family has owned the property located in "Baltimore Ravine" for over 150 years. It started out as a much larger parcel and over the years has been cut down by numerous projects, such as the East bound railroad, the West bound railroad, the sewer line, the electricity and communications to the Auburn Dam, and Interstate 80. I have three children who have been counting on inheriting this legacy. It would be a shame to have it taken from us by a very expensive alternative route to a very lucrative project because there are people who have recently moved to this area. The people who live in Vista Del Val obviously knew something was eventually going to happen because there is a barricaded street leading to the natural route to the project. The alternate route is much more circuitous and topographically unsuited for a road. It would take one third of the property owned by my family. Not only that, the particular part that would be taken is the most valuable part of the property, the hill with a view of the valley and the Marysville Buttes. Members of our family have been looking forward to building a home up there when we got the property split.

I feel that it has been an unfair, constant battle to keep what has been my inheritance just to satisfy a few recent arrivals. In carefully examining the alternate routes outlined here I don't think they are financially appropriate and it seems a long way to get to an area that can be accessed much more easily by the original route.

I appreciate your taking the time to listen to my concerns.

Sincerely,

*Leslie R. Sipe*

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